

Newburyport Jan 26th/54

Friend Higginson

Can you tell me any thing about the Emigrants aid society. My wife and I have been thinking for some time that it might be better for us to go into some new country; and perhaps if we could get to Nebraska or Kansas we might not only better our own condition, but do some good in the cause of ~~the~~ ^{of} ~~black~~ ^{of} ~~right~~ ^{of} Freedom.

If you can give me any information you will oblige me much by forwarding it as soon as convenient.

I am rather loth to trouble you at

this time for I suppose your time
is much occupied just now
with your coming trial. I was
glad you was there had it been
one year ago I would have
been with you, My ^{wife} longed to
be there as much as myself, but
as we owed a small sum of mon-
ey we felt our cash and time
were not quite our own.

Your arrest created considerable
of a stir amongst the dead
souls that are seen around the
corner of State and Charter streets
about the time of the arrival
of the morning mail.

I went amongst them; there
seemed to be but one open ex-
pressed that wop, that ~~was~~ as
some one of them expressed him-
self that they gloried in you for
your consistency; I was surprised
to here those old Hunkers speak of

your acts in terms of praise
they even seemed to think it was
an honour that you had once
lived here.

My Dar Wife wished
me to say to you that she was
glad to feel there was one who
was & willing to do as well as
say.

I am as ever Yours with the
greatest respect

John Wallace

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